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How mushrooming e-commerce warehouses or 'dark stores' where delivery partners work without parking or toilets are trampling upon civic infra

A DARK PLACE

'At peak time, up to 400 vehicles parked'

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Door-step deliveries are super convenient — groceries in 10 minutes and so on. But there might be a downside. For the past seven months, people living along Hosa Road in Kasavanahalli have been suffering parking issues due to a new e-commerce warehouse in the neighbourhood.

Vehicles of delivery partners are overflowing onto the main road obstructing public transport and preventing four-wheelers from exiting their homes apart from rampant footpath encroachments. This has been happening despite multiple interventions by HSR Layout traffic police.

The store in question is a dark store of an online grocery delivery platform. Dark stores are warehouses used to facilitate online purchases. Fact is, residents living near these dark stores are suffering while Bengaluru basks in the comfort of quick home deliveries.

For the past eight months, residents and small stores have been fighting to get the aforementioned facility removed.

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"Delivery boys charge mobile phones at our apartment and use our restrooms. Our security guard has installed a board stating it's a no-parking area, but they continue to park

— Bithi Chakraborty, apartment resident

Slow & Steady

DULT to spread awareness about slow street initiative; department seeking public opinion and suggestions

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The Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) recently started the slow street initiative, which first began in Alexandra Street. However, a year later, not many localities have adopted the slow street initiative. So DULT has now come forward to spread awareness about slow streets. The department is seeking public opinion and suggestions in this regard.

Slow street is a stretch with a speed limit of not more than 15 km ph for all vehicles, both motorised and non-motorised. On streets identified as slow streets, vehicular speeds may be controlled using traffic signs and traffic calming measures.

At Alexandra Street, DULT has put up signs asking the people to slow down and respect non-motorised transport. Any mode of transport needs to slow down so that other drivers, driving other vehicles, go slow and there is safety in the respective residential localities. This can help avoid many accidents too.

The slow street movement is not meant for high density corridors; it is designed for residential neighbourhoods. Streets will be chosen based on vehicle movement, which will connect to other important routes.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Drama night

If you are looking for a night full of music and drama, then this is the event for you. Jagath Maaanyam is a mega dance drama which presents the contribution and historic patriotism of the great Freedom Fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
When: August 23, 7:30 pm; Tickets: Free

02 Art show

Artist Bharati Sagar is here to present her artwork in a show titled "Preserving Magnificence" to celebrate International tiger day. The art show is a versatile, larger-than-life presentation of endangered species.
When: Till August 25, 11 am – 6 pm
Where: Reves – The Art Gallery
Tickets: Free

Once an eyesore, now a spectacle

The wall has a section dedicated to the state's history, with murals of kings and queens from ancient and medieval dynasties

Compound wall between Swami Vivekananda Metro Station and Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology is decked up with 47 murals of prominent personalities of state

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Until recently, the compound wall between Swami Vivekananda Metro Station and Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology was an eyesore with all sorts of nuisances. Now, it has become a spectacle for motorists and pedestrians. The compound wall with 47 paintings showcasing prominent personalities of Karnataka is expected to become a favourite place to visit for school students shortly.

The Karunada Kanmanigalu project was well received by residents. It is said to be the brainchild of CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu. "Karnataka has a rich and diverse history and culture. Many of our greats have made our state and our people proud and have also inspired countless generations. This is our tribute to their memory, achievements and contributions to Karnataka and Kannadigas," said MLA S Raghu.

The MLA said that a Freedom Wall on 80 feet Road was done before. "We have once again used art to educate, inspire and motivate people via our historical greats. The aesthetically pleasing artwork adds greatly to the beautification of the area, and we hope to continue working on such projects in and around CV Raman Nagar in the future as well," he said.

The art has been conceptualised, designed and painted by the city-based Namma Walls, a Bengaluru-based art collective founded by IT professionals Dushyant Dubey, Sameer Kulkarni and Satyajit Indramohan.

"As Kannadigas, we feel honoured to be a part of this project. We have made every effort to ensure that Karunada Kanmanigalu will be a matter of pride for every Kannadiga and an insightful and educational place for those who are not familiar with Karnataka history and legends," said Sameer Kulkarni, project lead of Karunada Kanmanigalu.

The project also has a dedicated section to Karnataka's history, with paintings of prominent kings and queens from ancient and medieval dynasties. The 40 individual panels that make up the artwork were created exclusively for the project. Artists from Karnataka and Maharashtra, as well as from the United States, Europe, and South America, designed these panels. The panels have also been adorned with QR codes, which visitors can scan via their mobile devices to visit encyclopaedia articles about the painted personalities.

For two months, a group of five illustrators and six painters worked to bring the project to completion. Dushyant Dubey, creative director of the project said: "We spent a significant amount of time getting all the details and historical facts correct. There is a lot of Karnataka history on these walls that have never been shown or even spoken about in such a descriptive manner before."

The project includes representation from all significant native kingdoms and dynasties. Illustrations of rulers include Mayurasharma from the Kadamba Dynasty, Immadi Pulikeshi from the Chalukya dynasty, Amoghavarsha from the Rashtrakuta Dynasty, Harihara and Bukka Raya from the Vijayanagara empire/Sangama Dynasty and many more.

The project's introductory wall further bears a unique and never-seen-before illustration of the founder of Bengaluru, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

Satyajit Indramohan of Namma Walls has extended an invitation to all Bengaluru residents. "These projects are our gift to Bengaluru for the 75 years of Indian Independence. We would like to invite everyone to come and experience all the hard work that we've put into these walls and to enjoy the art. We're sure you will have a great experience," said Satyajit Indramohan.

Some of the prominent personalities illustrated are CNR Rao, Raja Ramanna, Shakuntala Devi, Kuvempu, DV Gundappa, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid, Javagal Srinath, Prakash Padukone, and Gundappa Viswanath.

03 For the bass lovers

If you are looking for a night full of dance, bass, and drum then do not miss this party. Artists like Prismer, The Untitled One, and Denoy will surely make the night unforgettable.
When: August 26, 7:30 pm
Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL; Tickets: insider.in

Cotton buds can cause ear infections: Study

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Cotton buds are perhaps the most common tool used by children to clean their ears. But they may be doing more harm than good, says a paper published in the National Library of Medicine.

The study states that many children are getting otitis externa, a condition that causes inflammation in the ear canal and also results in severe ear pain.

While otitis externa is often referred to as "swimmer's ear" because repeated exposure to water can make the ear canal more vulnerable to inflammation, however, it is seen in many children who use earbuds frequently. As a result, this causes infections, while it even ruptures eardrums and leaves the residue and pushes the wax further in. Ear pain, itchiness, pus from the ears and temporary hearing loss can be caused.

Dr Nirmeetha K, a general physician, said, "The ear wax is to fight off the germs that cause on its own. The earwax helps protect the ear canal from damage and makes it hard for germs to grow. However, if the skin near the ear canal area gets scratched, germs can get into the ear and cause an infection. Apart from regular swimmers, even others have been getting it, especially the children who use cotton swabs, fingers, and hairpins to clean their ears."

In one of the cases, a six-year-old ended up having severe ear pain for over a week. The parents then took him to the doctor where he was detected with otitis externa. When asked if the child used earbuds frequently, the parents disclosed that he them twice a day. He missed school due to the severe pain.

Dr Faiza Khan, a private practitioner said that if the symptoms of the infection are neglected, it can spread to the cartilage and bone of the ear canal. It could lead to facial paralysis, which is rare but can occur when the infection advances.

Dr Faiza added that one needs to make sure to prevent water or shampoo from getting into the ears. "One should tilt head from side to side to drain water and not stick anything into the ear canal which includes pens, pencils, fingers, cotton-tipped swabs," she said.

Pace problems bite back

Bangalore Development Authority faces heat for delaying construction at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

Farmers have been complaining about the BDA delaying payment of cash compensation and handing over developed land

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If there is delay in handing over acquired land to contractors for development, the waiting time for construction of houses may increase at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.

Thousands of people bought sites in the layout more than five years ago to construct their dream homes, but they have not been able to do so yet as there is no basic infrastructure in place.

According to a document available with Bangalore Mirror, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) engineering department has a target of handing over 2,635 acres and 37 guntas of land to contractors for developing the land into a layout. However, the department has completed the process of handing over only 2,187 acres and 19 guntas of land until now. They are yet to hand over 448 acres and 18 guntas of land.

According to the site allottees, the delay in handing over of the remaining land has become a hurdle in terms of taking up developmental work.

> **"The BDA demanding farmers to produce various documents has become the main hurdle for the latter to get compensation on time** –Chennappa, president, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Agitation Committee

"The more delay in completing the process of handing over land to contractors, the more problems or legal hurdles in future as there is a chance of more and more farmers approaching the court. I want the BDA authorities to expedite the land acquisition process and hand over the land to contractors to facilitate formation of roads and other basic amenities," said Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum spokesperson Surya Kiran.

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Hurry up with NPKL: Assembly panel prods BDA

BM's report on August 2 spoke of the Assembly Petitions Committee monitoring the BDA's work

Meanwhile, farmers complain about the delay in paying cash compensation or handing over developed sites by the BDA.

"I have been running from pillar to post seeking compensation for acquiring my land. I am yet to get 25 per cent of the compensation amount from the BDA. The problem with their engineers is that they demand farmers to produce a number of documents which has become the main hurdle for the latter to get compensation on time," said Chennappa, president of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Agitation Committee.

Expressing similar opinions, Thimme Gowda, a farmer, said the BDA has delayed compensation to him.

"The BDA has to hand over developed sites to me for acquiring my agricultural land. Some farmers have approached the court seeking justice," said Gowda.

Meanwhile, Dr Basanthi B S, Special Additional Land Acquisition Officer, BDA, told BM that a case pertaining to a few hundreds of acres of land is pending in the high court.

Stating that BDA could not complete the acquisition of the land, Dr H R Shantharajanna, engineering member, has said the contractors have been demanding the BDA to hand over all of the land meant for the layout instead of giving it out in bits.

"I think around 100 acres of land is litigation free and there are legal hurdles to acquire more than 200 acres of land. With many parcels of land under litigation, contractors are refusing to take up developmental works at the layout," he said.

Malpractice earns 577 private hospitals notices

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Many private hospitals in the State have come under the scanner for illegally collecting money from patients. Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that action has been taken against those private hospitals which received money from the government for treating Covid patients but also collected bills from these patients.

So far, notices have been served to 577 hospitals. He said that private hospitals still owed Rs 1,58,22,359 to 403 patient's families and the government had demanded them to return the money at the earliest.

"Under the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka scheme, steps were taken to treat Covid patients in private hospitals on referral basis. The government was providing this benefit while treatment cost of patients was being borne by Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. However, some private hospitals, besides collecting bills from patients, received money from the government as well. When there were complaints about this, we took immediate action and instructed the department to conduct a review and issue a notice," said Sudhakar.

Private hospitals owe Rs 1,58,22,359 to patients

He added that notices have been issued to 577 private hospitals so far for cumulatively collecting Rs 18.87 crore. Out of this, Rs 1.58 crore has already been paid to the private hospitals and some of them are yet to return money to the patients.

"Strict action has been taken. This is a clear warning given by the government to private hospitals," the minister said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai informed that a healthcare program for advocates will be launched soon.

"An approval has been granted already to provide basic infrastructure to the judiciary system in the state at a cost of Rs 800 crore. This will ensure good facilities in lower courts. As population increases, the facilities in courts need to be improved," he said.

BBMP on mission to make street food safer

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To ensure food quality and safety in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is about to start a mandatory training program for street vendors selling food.

Muralidhar K, BBMP Deputy Commissioner (Welfare), said that the program is in sync with the new guidelines issued by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

"The training will start soon. Currently, we are surveying all the street food vendors in all zones, and after that is done, the training process will begin zonally. The vendors will be trained on cleanliness and food safety as per the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines," he said.

Vendors will need to display their FSSAI certificate on stalls soon

BBMP officials informed that upon the completion of training, the vendors will be given a certificate to practice and sell food in the city, without which they will not get permission to conduct business.

Mohammed Javeed, President of All India Street Vendors association, called it a good move by authorities.

"It is a great initiative and would also give recognition to street vendors and their food. The customers will also gain trust in their business if it is regulated. However, they should make sure that all the vendors get training and certificates on time. Otherwise, it might lead to losses for them with no fault of their own", he said.

He added that authorities should also make sure all the food vendors are aware of this new policy so that they can reap the benefits on time.

Food safety and cleanliness have been a topic of discussion in the city after a picture of a popular food chain outlet in Bengaluru with poor hygiene went viral on the internet.

"I hope this new initiative follows through because food hygiene is very important, especially during the flu and infection season. Even big restaurants that are regulated by FSSAI often do not follow proper hygiene as we have noticed. For street vendors, it is even more important as they are often not regulated," Mahima Joshi, a college student told BM.

BBMP officials informed that the street vendor survey has already begun in some zones of the city and will be completed soon.

The training will be mandatory for all vendors and they will be required to display the FSSAI certificates at their stalls or carts.

The officials also urged the public to flag a stall and inform the authorities if they notice improper hygiene at any stall.

Last-ditch attempt to save every last drop

Ground water extraction can become restricted in future, according to Karnataka's Water Policy 2022

Karnataka is one of the most water-stressed states in India, with about 61 per cent of it being drought-prone, and the state has much to worry as its new Water Policy 2022 cautions about the negative trend in rainfall and increase in area under drought in the days ahead.

Having suffered more than 15 drought years over the last two decades, things may be more challenging for the state in the future with its rapidly depleting groundwater and demand for water projected to increase significantly.

However, the policy promises measures to tackle the challenges ahead by proposing measures such as penalties for unwise use of water and restricting groundwater extraction, among others, as it aims to provide directions for strengthening water resources management and to optimise the use of the state's limited water resources, officials from the Water Resources Department said.

According to the policy cleared recently by the state cabinet, "The climate change studies of Karnataka have indicated that there is a long-term warming trend and negative trend in rainfall for Karnataka and the area affected by drought will increase."

Karnataka is the eighth largest in terms of population and has two main river systems -- Krishna and its tributaries in the north, and Cauvery and its tributaries in the south. With a large area of the state in the drought prone area, the use of irrigation water is important as Karnataka has limited water resources.

Of the total water usage, approximately 26 per cent is from groundwater. However, the groundwater sources are 'overexploited' in 52 taluks across 15 districts, while it is 'critical' in 10 taluks of eight districts, and 'semi-critical' in 35 taluks of 17 districts.

"Groundwater is the dominant form of irrigation in the state, with 56 per cent of the area of irrigation in the state coming from groundwater. Declining groundwater table and increasing contamination of groundwater is a major concern," a policy note by the department said.

The policy states that agriculture will remain by far the largest water user.

It aims to achieve goals such as ensuring water security for the entire population, improving the efficiency of urban and rural water supply and also industrial water use; enhancing the productivity and efficiency of irrigation water in agriculture and livestock, improving the health of watersheds, water bodies and rivers, along with moving towards sustainable groundwater management, and improving water governance.

The policy notes that the state will undertake all the drinking water supply programmes to increase 24x7 supply of water of suitable quality for domestic water throughout urban and rural areas and also at times of water scarcity.

It also proposes for groundwater extraction, other than for domestic use, to be restricted for commercial use depending on the degree and zone of exploitation, and user charge system to be implemented effectively through proper set of incentives and penalties, within the affordability of all societal sections.

Other than recycling, reuse of treated waste water and rainwater harvesting, the policy also proposes to support industries to conserve water, increase water recycling and reduce discharge of polluted water into the environment. The system of pollution discharge licensing will further be strengthened, it said.

The policy also talks about constituting an inter-departmental 'State Water Resources Authority' involving all the water-related departments under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.

Also, a high-level 'Water Policy Committee' will be set up with the Chief Secretary as its chairperson and it will become the key body to coordinate among all the departments and will meet regularly to provide policy guidance, coordination and performance review of implementation of the Water Policy 2022 in the state.

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The policy promises steps such as penalties for 'unwise use of water' to tackle the challenges ahead

> **"Groundwater is the dominant form of irrigation. Declining groundwater table and increasing contamination of groundwater is a major concern** – Policy note by Water Resources Department

Craters impede smooth sail on Appu Rao Road

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Commuters say that Appu Rao Road on Chamarajpet 6th Main Road is ridden with potholes. These craters only make things worse when it rains.

Rinkle Ranka, a commuter, said, "There are so many potholes here, and the road itself is not well built at all. Two-wheeler drivers face a lot of trouble. They are also risky because they can cause people to fall and injure themselves."

People who use the road say that in the past few days, because of heavy rains that lashed the city, the area has become muddy, and crossing it has become increasingly difficult.

Roshan Kumar, another commuter, said, "Whenever it rains, the road becomes more dangerous than it already is. The potholes get filled with water and it gets very difficult for the people to understand that there are such craters on the road. My vehicle has suffered so much because of falling into a pothole here."

Abhijith Gowda, also a commuter, told BM that just two days ago, when he was crossing the stretch in his car, his vehicle had gotten stuck in a huge pothole. He added that a small stone must have gone through the car tyre, puncturing it.

"It was quite late and dark and there was no one to help. If something is not done soon it will be very dangerous for the people using this road to commute," he said.

Residents from the area said that they have tried to complain several times to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) through their website, but no action has been taken. BBMP authorities reportedly told them that they would not accept online complaints and the residents will need to visit the ward office and register their complaint there.

Siddharth Jain, a resident, said, "Why do they have the website in place if they do not want to take any complaints?"

A BBMP official said, "We will look into the complaints made.

Commuters say that rains make the state of the potholes worse

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Lights please
Lady Curzon Road

The road opposite Bowring hospital in Lady Curzon Road has no streetlights and has broken footpaths.

Unwelcoming board
OMBR Layout

This welcome board is totally blocking the footpath on 5th Cross, OMBR Layout.

Pedestrian peril
Jeevan Bhima Nagar

There is no space to walk for pedestrians on Jeevan Bhima Nagar main road.

NOT WITHOUT OUR GRASSLAND

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Activists step up campaigns to save lung space as wildlife board meets to decide whether to accord Hesaraghatta grassland conservation status

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The countdown has begun for the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife to take a final call on the status of Hesaraghatta grassland. The board under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will meet on September 5 to decide whether to stick to its earlier decision cancelling the proposal to notify it as a conservation reserve or accord the status. However, the city's green activists are in no mood to let go of the issue.

Activists have joined hands to save the city's last big lung space. From organising on road campaigns to social media campaigns and bird watching to documenting the rich flora and fauna, the green activists are preparing a dossier to the State Government as to why it should mandatorily save one of the grasslands.

5,010 acres of lung space

First, let's understand the importance as to why Hesaraghatta grassland needs to be protected. This is a unique ecosystem with a mixture of grassland, scrub land and lake in Namma Bengaluru. In fact, it is a 5,010 acre of huge green space including 347 acres of grassland, 1,000 acres of scrub jungle, 1,500 acres of lake bed and the rest of greenery is under various government owned departments.

Mahesh Bhat, who has been leading the campaign to protect the Hesaraghatta grassland said, "This is a huge lung space for Bengalureans. In the South, we have Bannerghatta and in north Hesaraghatta and in between we have patches of lung spaces like Cubbon Park or Lalbagh.

The Hesaraghatta lakebed area and its surrounding scrub forests and grasslands in the catchment area in northwest Bengaluru are important repositories of biodiversity, and critical to the water security of the city. This is an important watershed and protection of this area will also help the proposed rejuvenation of the Arkavathi river basin."

Home to 39 native species

According to a study done by S Subramanya, Prof of GKVK and a member of Bombay National Society on the biodiversity of Hesaraghatta grassland indicated that this land hosted 39 native species of scrubs, 10 species of mammals, five species of reptiles, 133 species of birds apart from several butterfly species, etc.

Yeshwanth HM, an entomologist who has done vast research in Hesaraghatta said, "We have discovered insects unique to Hesaraghatta grassland. In fact, one of the insects have been named as "Astroscopometopus hesaraghattaensis" and the other Macropsis krishna sp. nov. and Alcecoris globosus Carvalho. Hesaraghatta grassland can be considered as a landing airport for many forms of fauna.

As it has a scrub jungle alongside, it is a nesting place for many huge birds. The grassland is a unique habitat and home to many insects which play a very important role in the food chain. There are no grasslands near Bengaluru. We had one near Madure which is now being encroached. So, let us protect Hesaraghatta for our future generations."

Unique campaigns

The activists are now stepping up pressure as the September 5 fast approaches. Earlier, the Karnataka High Court had directed the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife to once again consider the proposal to declare the 5,010 acre grasslands in Hesaraghatta as a Conservation Reserve. The Board had rejected the proposal in January 2021.

"We have taken up a number of campaigns to exert positive pressure on the board and as a result a number of activities have been planned. We have been inviting bird watchers to Hesaraghatta grassland and encouraging them to post images and on their social media so that we can garner everyone's support.

There was a bird watching programme organised on Sunday as well. Besides this, we are running a social media campaign where we post videos on the importance of Hesaraghatta grassland. We are requesting people to record a short video on their mobile phones on the importance of grassland and share it to as many people as possible.

We are planning to meet various bureaucrats and submit a memorandum as well. We hope that the board will give due consideration to our request as this is a very important issue," said Bhat adding that birding is an important aspect as during winter many birds from Central Asia and Himalaya flock to Hesaraghatta lake bed.

"There are numerous advantages like there will be multiple layers of protection besides no one can alienate the greenery here with concretisation.

Pressure on State Government

He says that the government should declare Hesaraghatta grassland as a conservation reserve at any cost. "There are numerous advantages like there will be multiple layers of protection besides no one can alienate the greenery here with concretisation.

The real estate activities which are gulping the greenery across the city will be curbed here and the land will remain as it is," added Mahesh. The green activists are ruing the fact that the politicians and government has been eyeing the precious grasslands for various activities. Earlier, the State Government had planned to construct a film city at Hesaraghatta which had raised concerns.

The green activists have been pressuring the government against handing over 140 acres of land in Hesaraghatta for development of film city claiming that the area is part of a fragile ecosystem and should be preserved at any cost.

Woman gangraped: NGO owner arrested

Police have arrested the owner of an NGO and her two associates on charges of forcing a 25-year-old woman into a flesh trade and getting her gang-raped, police said on Sunday.

The arrested persons have been identified as 36-year-old K Lakshmi aka Sangeethapriya aka Manjula, a resident of Rajajinagar, Brahmendra Ravan (26), a resident of Malur near Kolar and Santhoshkumar (45), owner of a lodge in Sheshadripuram.

The accused ran an NGO called 'Nav Bharat'. The victim was introduced to her a few days ago. The accused promised her a job and took her to a lodge in Shivananda circle and locked her up.

The victim was forced, tortured, beaten up to get into the flesh trade. However, the victim somehow managed to get in touch with her friend and revealed her ordeal.

The police conducted raids at the lodge and rescued the woman later. The victim has revealed that she was gang-raped by strangers sent by the accused to the lodge.

The police have booked cases under IPC Section 370 (buying any person as a slave) and the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956. **IANS**

Case against cops after murder accused allowed to stay in lodge with lover

A shocking incident of police facilitating stay of a murder accused in private lodge with his lover has come to light in Dharwad city, police said on Sunday.

According to police, Ballary police had brought Bachcha Khan, an accused in murder case, to produce him before a court in Dharwad on Saturday.

After producing before the court, the police before going back, allowed the accused to stay in a hotel room with his lover. The cops also stood guard at the place, according to police.

The lover of Bachcha Khan had arrived from Bengaluru and was waiting at the room for him beforehand. However, Hubballi Gokula Road Police station sleuths had gathered information about the cops violating laws and allowing a murder accused to stay with his lover in a lodge.

The sleuths had conducted raids and took Bachcha Khan into their custody. The case has also been registered against the cops in this connection. **IANS**

Healthcare programme for advocates soon

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said a healthcare programme for advocates would be launched soon.

Approval has been granted to provide basic infrastructure at a cost of Rs 800 crore, he said after laying the foundation stone for a bar association here in his home constituency.

As population increases, the facilities in courts need to be improved and the State government is giving top priority in this regard, he said. He further said the government has given permission for having the bar associations in Shiggaon, Savanur and Haveri, and would provide infrastructure and furniture to the buildings. This would ensure speedy justice for farmers of this region.

Consumers upset over paid UPI transactions

RBI sought public opinion on fees for UPI payments; experts say there should be a minimum slab for charges

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After the Reserve Bank of India sought public opinion on fees and charges in Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and other digital payment systems, people have shown disapproval over the same.

UPI powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application, merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood. So far, there were no charges levied on UPI transactions making it highly popular among people as well as merchants. However, people say that a charge on the UPI transactions may affect the move to cashless transactions.

"Everyone is using UPI in a city like Bangalore, from auto drivers to vegetable vendors.

The only reason is that it is easy, doesn't require a high setup cost, and is free. India was well on its way to going cashless but if there are charges on UPI transactions as well, I think most people are going to switch back to cash transactions, though it is inconvenient," said Anisha K, 23, an IT professional.

According to the reports, in just six years of launch, the platform has over 26 crore unique users and 5 crore merchants.

Other UPI users are worried that even a small fee on transactions might end up costing a lot.

"I use UPI at least five times a day for every small payment. It is accepted almost everywhere and you don't have to worry about keeping the exact change. If there is a charge, even a small amount, on every transaction it would end up costing a lot... There is a reason that people choose UPI transactions and it has become so popular over the years," said Tanya Rathi, 23. The government has mandated a zero-charge framework for UPI transactions with effect from January 1, 2020. According to that, both consumers and merchants do not have to pay any charges for transactions.

However, RBI has explained that in any payment system, the Payment System Providers (PSPs) should earn income for continued operations to facilitate investments in new technologies, systems and processes. This is why they want public opinion on the matter, to develop policies in the future.

Experts say that if RBI decides to levy any charges on UPI transactions, they should make sure that there is a minimum amount.

"There should be a minimum slab for payment under which no charges will be applied and, it should be market-determined. As UPI is both a fund-transfer and merchant payment method, they can also just put charges for the merchants instead of levying on every transaction," said Swati Rao, an economist. However, RBI has not taken any final decision yet and has sought feedback from stakeholders before October 3.

In just six years of launch, Unified Payment Interface (UPI) has over 26 crore unique users and five crore merchants

Activists file KSHRC complaint against officials

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Activists have filed a complaint with the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) over the apathy of officials that led to the poor condition of a government school in Kengeri.

The complaint was filed against the Commissioner, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, and the Block Education officer with the KSHRC for the poor maintenance and condition of the Government Lower Primary school in Gandhinagar, Kengeri Satellite Town. The complaint also alleges that the dilapidated structure was also responsible for some children getting sick.

Local social activists temporarily shifted the students to a nearby temple premise. As per the complaint, the school is heavily damaged and may collapse anytime. Every wall is covered with fungus and there is no proper ventilation. Many children studying there have got diseases due to the unhygienic environment. The activists say that it is a violation of the human rights and child rights. The complaint alleges the apathy of the department is because the children belong to the economically-backwards communities. BM Shivkumar, the complainant and president of Jayaprakashnarayan Vichara Vedike said,"We have filed a complaint with the KSHRC about the apathy of the department, They have promised necessary action from Monday onwards."

Bangalore Mirror earlier reported on how a public school in Kengeri is in a poor condition

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Stay alert

Asking people to be on guard is not uncommon, however, now BJP senior leaders have asked their state leaders to stay alert when they are speaking over the mobile phone. Recently, Minister for Law and Parliamentary affairs JC Madhuswamy had told a person that his party was somehow "managing the government." This audio went viral on social media thereby creating embarrassment for the party. Senior party leaders have asked all the BJP leaders to stay alert while speaking over the phone and don't indulge in 'loose talk' as it is damaging the party's reputation.

Latecomers

Ministers are famous for reporting late to programmes. However, the tables were recently turned when at a government primary school in Nelligere near Nagamangala, Minister for School Education BC Nagesh was one of the first to reach the school. To his surprise, he found that school students were desperately waiting for their teachers to arrive. The students complained that it was a regular occurrence. When the minister checked the attendance, he found that the teachers were forging the attendance to show their 'punctuality'. Well, the teachers couldn't do the same as they were caught red-handed by the minister.

No photos, please

Photoshoots can be controversial at times. In fact, some of the prominent parks in the city have banned photography. The actor-politician Sumalatha's photoshoot turned into a controversy. Sumalatha was seen clicking pictures at Krishna Raja Sagar reservoir which has seen the brim level. Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah wondered when people were not even allowed to go near the reservoir to have a glimpse of the filled-up dam. However, he said how can Sumlatha be permitted to go for a photo shoot at a reservoir.

'Flag' trouble

PWD Minister CC Patil had some embarrassing moments as he was about to hoist the national flag on Independence Day. A huge number of people, including school children had gathered to welcome the minister. However, when the Minister tried to pull the ropes, the flag never unfurled. Probably, it was not tied properly. After several failed attempts, the minister called one of his assistants to remove the flag and fix it.

Freebies or bribe?

Well, the nation is now debating which of the sops can be considered a 'freebie'. A businessman turned politician from KGF has now coined a new meaning for a freebie. Popularly known as KGF Babu now said that he will now offer freebies in Bengaluru's Chickpet constituency. Babu who lost the MLC elections plans to contest as an MLA from Chickpet. So, he has decided to pay Rs 5,000 for every house in Chickpet. When reporters asked him whether it constituted a bribe, Babu was quick to react saying that the bribe could be in the form of cash but he was delivering the money in the form of a cheque.

— Sridhar Vivan

Art market pushes on with rocky crypto romance

NFT art sector has weathered storm better than other parts of crypto world

The closest most people get to owning a world-famous artwork is to buy a cheap poster from a gallery, but art dealers are determined to harness technology to draw in new collectors.

Anaida Schneider, a former banker based in Switzerland, is among those promoting new ownership schemes -- for a small fee, investors can buy a digital chunk of a painting and share in the profits when she sells.

"Not everyone has $1 million to invest," she told AFP. "So I came up with the idea to split, to make like a mutual fund but on the blockchain." Each buyer gets an NFT, the unique digital tokens created and stored on the blockchain, the computer code that underpins cryptocurrencies.

Although cryptoassets have been routed this year with plunging values, collapsing projects and widening scandals, the NFT art sector has weathered the storm better than other parts of the crypto world.

NFT artworks accounted for some $2.8 billion in sales last year and the rate has declined only slightly in the first half of this year, according to analyst firm NonFungible.

Collectors and artists are among the most eager experimenters with the technology, even if it means owning only a slice of a digital copy of a painting.

A fifth of 300 collectors surveyed by the website Art+Tech Report said they had already engaged in so-called fractional ownership.

Schneider's Liechtenstein-based company Artessere offers squares of paintings by Soviet artists including Oleg Tselkov and Shimon Okshteyn for 100 or 200 euros ($100 or $200) a piece.

She is giving herself 10 years to resell them.

Schneider owns the paintings she sells, thus avoiding legal complications, but attempts to offer novel digital ownership schemes for publicly owned works is proving more tricky.

Thirteen Italian museums recently signed deals with Cinello, a firm that sells limited edition digital reproductions, to offer ownership of digital replicas of masterworks.

The buyer gets a unique, high-resolution digital copy to project onto a screen and a certificate from the museum, which gets half the proceeds.

The company held a splashy London show in February displaying digitised works by Renaissance masters including Raphael, Leonardo and Caravaggio. It has since sold a handful of them.

But the Italian culture ministry was reportedly irked that a replica of Michelangelo's "Doni Tondo" sold for around 240,000 euros but Florence's Uffizi gallery got less than a third of the proceeds.

A spokesman for the ministry was quoted in several outlets last month as saying the issue was "complex and unregulated" and asked museums not to sign any new contracts around NFTs.

Cinello boss Francesco Losi was not pleased with the characterisation, telling AFP: "We don't sell NFTs." Buyers can ask for an NFT to go with their image, but the firm said they had their own patented system to secure ownership, which they call DAW.

Cinello said it had digitised more than 200 works and its sales had generated 296,000 euros in extra revenue for Italian museums.

But the firm's difficulties in Italy underline the mixed blessing of NFTs -- they bring publicity but also suspicion.

The NFT sector -- which covers anything from avatars in computer games to million-dollar cartoon apes -- is replete with scams, counterfeit works, thefts and wash trading. Losi said he was well aware that NFTs could be used "in the wrong way" and was unsure what future they had in the art world.

Anaida Schneider stressed that her project was protected by law in Liechtenstein, the tiny principality being among the first jurisdictions to pass a law regulating blockchain companies in 2019. **AFP**

This website reveals how TikTok, Instagram may track your data

As the debate grows about tech companies and apps tracking your data, here comes a website that can reveal how platforms like TikTok and Instagram may potentially see your sensitive data, including address, passwords and credit card information, without your consent.

The website, named InAppBrowser.com, has a tool that will let you know how popular social media platforms are injecting "JavaScript code into third-party websites that cause potential security and privacy risks to the user".

According to the tool's developer, Felix Krause, InAppBrowser.com has a simple tool to "list the JavaScript commands executed by the iOS app rendering the page".

"To try this tool yourself, open an app you want to analyse, share the url, tap on the link inside the app to open it and then read the report on the screen," he mentioned.InAppBrowser.com is designed for everybody to verify for themselves what apps are doing inside their in-app browsers.

"TikTok's In-App Browser injecting code to observe all taps and keyboard inputs, which can include passwords and credit cards," he warned.

TikTok said in a statement that Krause's conclusions about the company are "incorrect and misleading". "Contrary to its claims, we do not collect keystroke or text inputs through this code, which is solely used for debugging, troubleshooting and performance monitoring," the company said. **IANS**

BITS & BYTES

TOP TECH EXECS TO DEPOSE

Top executives of the Indian arms of Apple, Google, Amazon, Netflix and Microsoft will on Tuesday depose before a parliamentary panel looking into anti-competitive practices in the digital space, the committee's chairman Jayant Sinha said.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance has been looking into various aspects of competition in the marketplace, especially concerning technology majors.

According to a notice issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the agenda of the meeting is "Oral evidence of the representatives of big tech companies on the subject 'Anti-Competitive' practices by big tech companies."

"Representatives of Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Netflix, from their Indian arms and a few others will appear before the parliamentary panel on the issue of competitive behaviour in the digital market," Sinha told PTI on Sunday. **PTI**

WHY JANET'S MEGA-HIT SONG CRASHES LAPTOPS

Tech giant Microsoft has explained why playing the mega-hit music video for popular US-based singer, songwriter, actress, and dancer Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" would crash certain models of laptops.

According to Raymond Chen, Senior Software Engineer, they discovered something bizarre. Playing the music video on one laptop caused a laptop sitting nearby to crash, even though that other laptop was not playing the video.

"It turns out that the song contained one of the natural resonant frequencies for the model of 5400 rpm laptop hard drives that they and other manufacturers used," Chen said.

"The manufacturer worked around the problem by adding a custom filter in the audio pipeline that detected and removed the offending frequencies during audio playback," he added.

Chen mentioned that he is sure "they put a digital version of a 'Do not remove' sticker on that audio filter.

The mega-hit "Rhythm Nation" was released as the second single from Jackson's fourth studio album, Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation 1814" in the year 1989.

The accompanying music video for "Rhythm Nation" was directed by Dominic Sena and choreographed by Jackson and then-unknown Anthony Thomas. **IANS**

Importance of being slow

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"For instance, we see children playing on the roads often; it is unsafe for them when cars or bikes are speeding. Hence by making such stretches into slow streets, people become much more aware of the situation. Even cyclists will be able to pedal freely without hurdles," said Bengaluru Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran.

DULT has been mapping residential localities which could be converted into slow streets; volunteers who cycle everyday are mapping localities that could turn into slow streets soon. Some of the streets that have been identified are Cooke town, Cottonpete, near Vasavi Education Trust, Sarakki 9 Main Road, Kasturi Nagar route, Kathriguppe Sub Road, New Thippasandra and JB Nagar route among others.

DULT officials pointed out the need for NGOs and resident welfare associations (RWAs) to come forward to popularise the concept of slow streets. If a place is ideal for slow streets, then further permissions can be obtained from the BBMP and traffic police.

"The idea is to create awareness about slow streets. We will be putting up posts about the initiative on our social media handles so that residents identify the layouts and submit desired slow street localities to DULT. They can take the call thereafter. The idea is to have slow streets near schools and hospitals as it can be safe for the children and even the patients, with lower levels of noise pollution," added Sankaran.

Introducing, Madiwala Lake

Children from the marginalised communities had a fun Sunday with a lake walk around the 114-acre Madiwala lake.

A total of 17 children from Chelavadi palya and three volunteers organised the walk, facilitated by the ActionAid Association.

A large number of birds were noticed during the lake walk and many children were excited to see the different birds. Some of the birds seen around the lake were Cormorant, Darter, Pond heron, Brahmini kite, Black kite, Spot billed duck, Egret, Red whiskered bulbul, White Cheeked Barbet, Common crow, Pigeon and Common Myna. The smallest bird on earth – Humming bird and smallest bird in India – Flowerpecker were also seen around the lake.

A member of the Action Aid Association said, "The lake's water condition still seems to be poor. Attention should be given to the lake. This is one the lake where we see many birds and hence we need to protect it. What was surprising for us was that we came across dead earthworms around the lake. The earthworms enrich the soil, but as there are many walkers the earthworms are getting crushed." – BMB

Gig workers denied basic facilities

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Residents said delivery partners park in front of homes obstructing the right of way. Operating from 7:00 am to as late as 11:00 pm, delivery partners loiter in large numbers in the area and can be found squatting on footpaths. Another major problem is the foul smell emanating from a corner of the road —residents said with no bathroom facility provided, delivery partners urinate too in the area. Mani, who runs a flower shop on the main road told BM that parked vehicles in front of homes add to traffic woes. "At peak time, there will be up to 400 vehicles parked. During the evening, vehicles pile up in front of houses. The crew even relieve themselves in the corner," he added.

When residents complained to traffic police, interventions led to temporary diversion of the vehicles; but vehicles returned to the same spot within minutes. Small store owners complained they are seeing a dip in customers in the absence of parking spaces now occupied by delivery partners.

"During cricket season, the number of vehicles shoots up. Daily, there will be 500-600 two-wheelers. Ladies are unable to use restrooms in nearby homes with these men loitering around," Satish, running a small photocopy store, complained.

A side road in the area has been taken over by the vehicles and a spot has turned into an open urinal. A resident of Gajanana Nilaya apartments, Pinto C complained he is unable to take his four-wheeler out. "Every time I take out my vehicle, I have to request the delivery partners to clear the road. We are facing issues with foul smell wafting into our apartments," he added.

"These companies don't provide parking, restroom or bathroom facilities. Legally, they are called 'partners', but they are treated poorly.

Bithi Chakraborty from the same apartment said vehicles waiting to enter the side road causes traffic jams on the main road. "The delivery boys charge mobile phones at our apartment and use our restrooms on the ground floor. Our security guard has installed a board stating it's a non-parking area, but they continue to park," she said.

When BM spoke to delivery partners, we found out they are caught between the devil and the deep sea. They told BM that they are forced to do all the above as the dark stores do not provide parking spaces, bathroom facilities or safe drinking water for employees.

Vinay Sarathy, president of United Food Delivery Partner's Union, told BM that apathy of dark store owners is commonplace: "These companies don't provide parking, restroom or bathroom facilities. Legally, they are called 'partners', but they are treated poorly. Prices of essential commodities and fuel shooting up, isn't helping. Even some malls and restaurants don't permit parking or allow the use of restrooms. We demand the labour department of Karnataka government to take up the issue," he added.

Residents had submitted a complaint to HSR Layout traffic police back in July following which police visited the spot and instructed the delivery partners to refrain from parking in the area. In an interaction with the residents, the store managers had promised to shift from the area by August 10.

"We are in the process of moving. Due to some issues, the shifting has been delayed. We are shifting out by month end. The store was not built to receive 2,000 orders and hence parking facility was not provided," a representative of the store told BM.

Traffic inspector at HSR Layout traffic police station, Naveen Kumar, said time and again, errant delivery partners are being booked. "Already, it's a small road and even a single two-wheeler parked could cause traffic issues. They are not permitted to park in these areas. We are making regular interventions to prevent such incidents," he added.

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Wonder drugs

Discoveries of these 5 drugs changed lives - but they have some cons

It's hard to measure the impact of any one drug on world history. But here are five drugs we can safely say made a huge difference to our lives, often in ways we didn't expect.

They have brought some incredible benefits. But they've usually also come with a legacy of complications we need to look at critically.

It's a good reminder that today's wonder drug may be tomorrow's problem drug.

1. Anaesthesia

In the late 1700s, English chemist Joseph Priestley made a gas he called "phlogisticated nitrous air" (nitrous oxide). English chemist Humphry Davy thought it could be used as pain relief in surgery, but instead it became a recreational drug.

It wasn't until 1834 that we reached another milestone. That's when French chemist Jean-Baptiste Dumas named a new gas chloroform. Scottish doctor James Young Simpson used it in 1847 to assist a birth.

Soon anaesthesia was more widely used during surgery, bringing better recovery rates. Before anaesthesia, surgical patients would often die of shock from the pain.

But any drug that can make people unconscious can also cause harm. Modern anaesthetics are still dangerous because of the risks of suppressing the nervous system.

2. Penicillin

What happened in 1928 to Scottish physician Alexander Fleming is one of the classic stories of accidental drug discovery.

Fleming went on holiday, leaving some cultures of the bacterium streptococcus on his laboratory bench. When he came back, he saw some airborne penicillium (a fungal contaminant) had stopped the streptococcus from growing.

Australian pathologist Howard Florey and his team stabilised penicillin and carried out the first human experiments. With American financing, penicillin was mass-produced and changed the course of World War II. It was used to treat thousands of service personnel.

Penicillin and its descendants are enormously successful front-line drugs for conditions that once killed millions of people. However, their widespread use has led to drug-resistant strains of bacteria.

> **"Penicillin and its descendants are hugely successful front-line drugs, but their wide use has also led to drug-resistant strains of bacteria**

3. Nitroglycerin

Nitroglycerin was invented in 1847 and displaced gunpowder as the most powerful explosive in the world. It was also the first modern drug to treat angina, the chest pain associated with heart disease.

Factory workers exposed to the explosive began to experience headaches and flushing in the face. This was because nitroglycerin is a vasodilator – it dilates (opens) the blood vessels.

London physician William Murrell experimented with nitroglycerin on himself and tried it on his angina patients. They got almost immediate relief.

Nitroglycerin made it possible for millions of people with angina to live relatively normal lives. It also paved the way for medications such as blood pressure-lowering drugs, beta-blockers and statins. These medicines have extended lives and increased the average lifespan in Western countries.

But because people's lives are now extended, there are now higher rates of deaths from cancer and other non-communicable diseases. So nitroglycerin turned out to be a world-changing drug in unexpected ways.

4. The pill

In 1951, US birth control advocate Margaret Sanger asked researcher Gregory Pincus to develop an effective hormonal contraceptive, funded by heiress Katharine McCormick.

Pincus found that progesterone helped to stop ovulation, and used this to develop a trial pill. Clinical trials were conducted on vulnerable women, notably in Puerto Rico, where there were concerns about informed consent and side effects.

The new drug was released by GD Searle & Co as Enovid in 1960, with US Food and Drug Administration approval. This was granted because the risk of pregnancy was seen as greater than the risk of side effects, such as blood clots and strokes.

It took ten years to prove a link between oral contraceptive use and serious side effects. After a 1970 US government inquiry, the pill's hormone levels were lowered dramatically. Another outcome was the patient information sheet you will now find inside all prescription drug packets.

The pill caused major global demographic changes with smaller families and increased incomes as women re-entered the workforce. However, it's still raising questions about how the medical profession has experimented on women's bodies.

5. Diazepam

The first benzodiazepine, a type of nervous system depressant, was created in 1955 and marketed by drug company Hoffmann-La Roche as Librium.

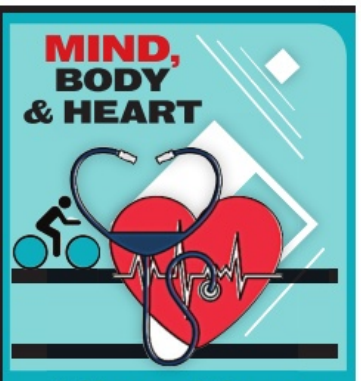
This and related drugs were not sold as "cures" for anxiety. Instead, they were supposed to help people engage in psychotherapy, which was seen as the real solution.

Polish-American chemist Leo Sternbach and his research group chemically altered Librium in 1959, producing a much more powerful drug. This was diazepam, marketed from 1963 as Valium.

Cheap, easily available drugs like these had a huge impact. From 1969 until 1982, Valium was the top-selling pharmaceutical in the United States. These drugs created a culture of managing stress and anxiety with medication.

Valium paved the way for modern antidepressants. It was more difficult (but not impossible) to overdose on these newer drugs, and they had fewer side effects. The first SSRI, or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor, was fluoxetine, marketed from 1987 as Prozac.

–By Philippa Martyr, The University of Western Australia for The Conversation



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

About 10 years ago, my mother came to me for help as she overheard my father telling my sister that he was going to Cyprus on holiday, but wouldn't be coming back, as he wanted to pass away over there. My mum spoke no English and all the household bills were in my dad's name, so she needed advice. When my sister found out my mum had asked me for help, she called my father in Cyprus and he came back. Then things got very difficult. My father and sister made it impossible for me and my family to see or speak to my mother - he'd either hang up the phone or slam the door in my face when we visited.

My father passed away four years ago and my sister sold her house and moved into my parents' home (along with her boyfriend) to care for my mother, and she's been made deputy over her affairs. We found out my parents' house in Cyprus has been transferred to my sister's name (not my mother's) and the money in my father's account has been moved or withdrawn. I'm worried my sister has hidden my parents' money, so when my mother dies, there will be no inheritance for me and my family.

COLEEN SAYS

Coleen says In terms of your rights to an inheritance, I think the only way forward is to get professional legal advice on what your options are. All I can do is advise you on the emotional and relationship side of things. You could try appealing to your sister and asking her if she'd be willing to sit down and discuss things with you. Hopefully, a conversation wouldn't only be about your inheritance, but also about your relationship with your mother, whom you haven't seen or spoken to in a long time. it is very sad when families end up feuding over a loved-one's money.

– Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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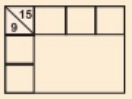

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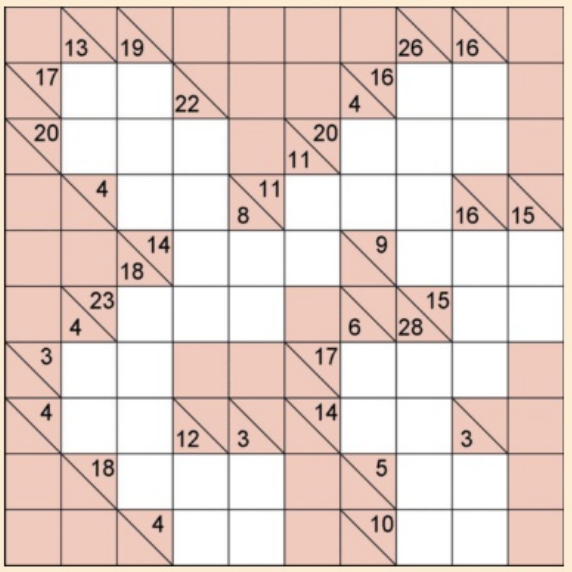
Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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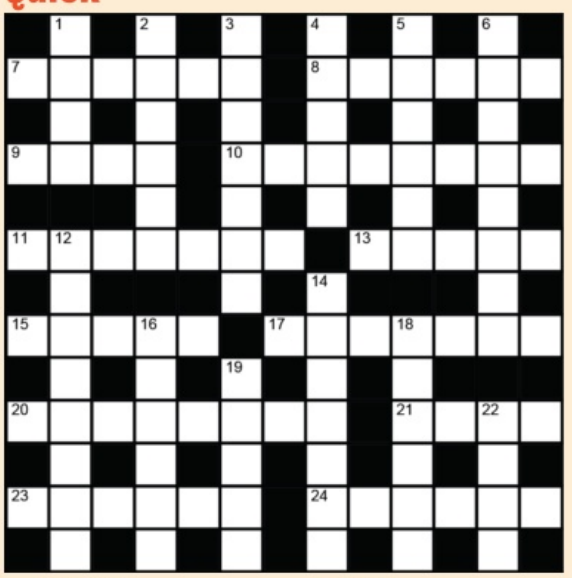


ACROSS

7 Dealer in stockings (6)
8 Not firm; limp (6)
9 Cain's brother (4)
10 Occur simultaneously (8)
11 Restraining or securing (7)
13 Dwell upon something with intense satisfaction (5)
15 Foam or froth (5)
17 Of or pertaining to the sea (7)
20 Unequal (contest) (3-5)
21 Faint colour spread over a surface (4)
23 Closer (6)
24 Fairground wheel (6)

DOWN

1 Grave (4)
2 Having a peerage (6)
3 Tracking or outlining on transparent paper (7)
4 Attach (5)
5 Package (6)
6 Arabian sheikdom (3,5)
12 Strikes, has an impact (8)
14 Lower the pH (7)
16 Karnataka's royal city (6)
18 Blood vessel (6)
19 Like a lot (5)
22 Metal spike (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS I

QN'R RX VBPE ZDRQZA NX SAQNZ D AZRBVZ NEDI NX PADMN D RHQAQN.

Linemaro

You are the jewel to my crown

Mindchow

The best things in life are nearest: Breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand

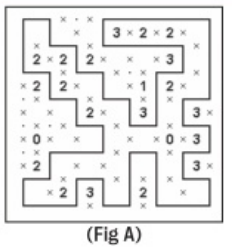
Joke of the day

The best way to lie is to tell the truth. The carefully edited truth

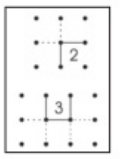
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

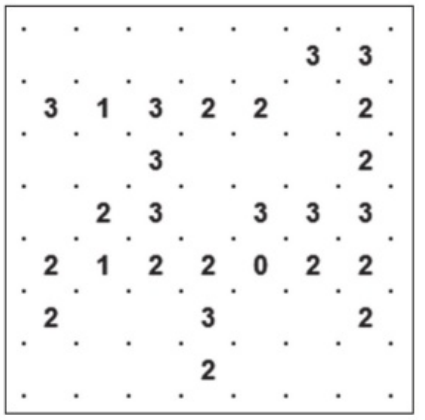


(Fig B) Not Allowed

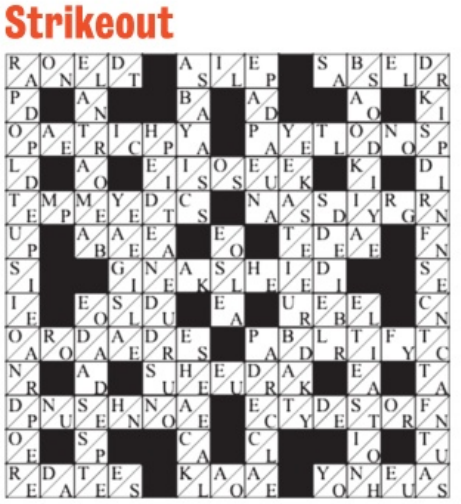
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 K	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Ark so; 6 Lug at; 7 Ulnar; 8 Ceria; 9 Cy Kid

DOWN

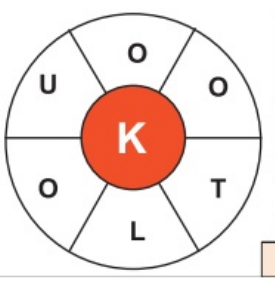
1 Lodge; 2 U Raki; 3 Incur; 4 A calk; 5 Trays

Mensapuzzle

Find the starting point and work from letter to adjacent letter vertically, horizontally and diagonally to spell out a 17-letter phrase (2, 7, 8).

R	I	N		
T	O	G		
N	S	A	S	D
		A	T	E
		T	C	H

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		4				1		5
5		3	8	7				
	9	6					7	
3	1	5						
			7		2			
						4	9	8
	5					3	6	
				5	9	7		1
7		8				2		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 20
3 4 6 7

Medium = 7
1 3 4 7

Hard = 42
6 8 8 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Golf bag is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Sheet is longer. 4. Post is thinner. 5. Bottom of shirt is different. 6. Sleeve is added to dress.

Riddler

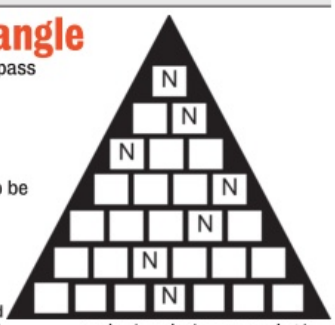
When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Misuses; harms -> Multi-passenger vehicles
2. Pursue lofty goal -> Pointed tower top
3. Sum total -> Climb on
4. Stay away from -> A gap; empty

Alpha triangle

1 North on the compass
2 A's alternative
3 Sorry horse
4 No pain no _!
5 Breathtaking
6 Petering out
7 _ on : beginning to be understood by ?

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.



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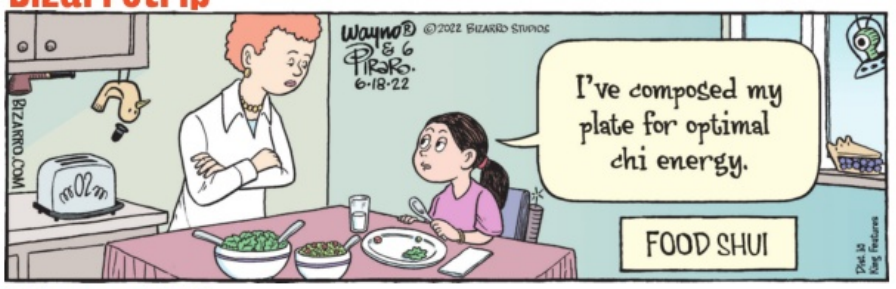

Diamond Lil

THAT IS VERA MAE'S NINTH TRIP TO THE SNACK BAR TODAY!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?
I'M GUESSING 18 FUDGE POPS
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Hart of the city

DR. WALSH IS JUST GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME PAIN MEDS AND PROBABLY WRAP YOUR ANKLE.
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S GOING TO BRING UP PUBERTY. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
HOW ABOUT IF SHE BRINGS IT UP, YOU OWE ME AT LEAST TWO HONEY BUNS AND A BAG OF CHIPPY CHIPS FOR MY EMOTIONAL DISTRESS?
ONE HONEY BUN AND IT'S A DEAL.
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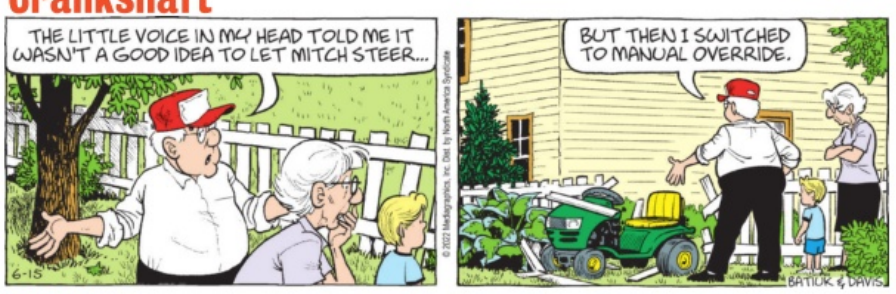
Crankshaft


THE LITTLE VOICE IN MY HEAD TOLD ME IT WASN'T A GOOD IDEA TO LET MITCH STEER...
BUT THEN I SWITCHED TO MANUAL OVERRIDE.
6-15
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are polite with the people around you. You can make some difficult decisions in business with the help of your family members. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills, which may increase in your business.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may have a good day at work. Harmony with your spouse is likely to be improved. New ventures can bring you success. Lovebirds are advised to be careful about their way of speaking, otherwise it may affect the relationship.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel tired, so it is advised to rest well before taking up a new project. Remember not to take it to heart if people seem insensitive around you. They may just be tired themselves too. Expect support from your loved ones. Lovebirds may share happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today there may be peace of mind. You may plan to invest some capital in business, which may increase your liquidity. Your earnings may boost your bank balance. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in your family life. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may decide to get married.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today your financial health will look good as the moon is on your side. Your hard work will not go unnoticed. Promotions may come knocking. You will earn the respect of your enemies. Lovebirds may plan outings. Singles may find their soulmate.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today your moon is positive and your health is good. You are likely to visit some spiritual place with your family or friends. You may plan to donate some amount to charity. Property-related deals are likely to be done. You may plan for overseas travel related to work. You may also plan for higher education.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your moon is negative. You may be a victim of conspiracies. You are advised to avoid controversies. Your strong willpower and help from elders may protect you in any messy situation. You are advised to avoid arguments in your domestic life. You should also avoid rash driving or any adventure tour.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at work. You may be enthusiastic, which may speed up your projects. You may be able to make quick decisions, which will increase in your business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnerships. Investments in fixed assets is not advisable.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon and will perform well at work. You may expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your relations with seniors will be strong. Old health issues will be cured now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Things may be under control. You will enjoy it at work. Your focus may be good, which will reflect in your way of working. Your wisdom will help you go ahead in making difficult decisions in terms of your profession. Your past investments are likely to bring profits.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may have a dull feeling. It is advised to avoid adventure tours and rash driving. You may be a victim of conspiracy. Arrogance can affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel energetic. You may perform well at work, and your hard work may pay off now. This will boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now. A meeting with some influential people may boost your network. Disputes with your partner may also be resolved.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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=2-4-3'16
=2-4-16'3
=2-4-48
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=(-4)+2+(-48)
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BULL'S EYE
look, OUTLOOK, took

FAST FIVE

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G	A	U	L	T
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STRIKE OUT

A	N	E	T		A	L	P	A	B	E	D
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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
NO STRINGS ATTACHED

QUOTE UNCODE
It's so much easier to write a resume than to craft a spirit.

RIDDLER
1. Abuses -> Buses,
2. Aspire -> Spire,
3. Amount -> Mount,
4. Avoid -> Void

SUDOKU

8	7	4	9	2	6	1	3	5
5	2	3	8	7	1	9	4	6
1	9	6	5	4	3	8	7	2
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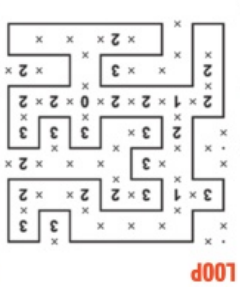
6	4	2	3	5	9	7	8	1
7	3	8	6	1	4	2	5	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, An, Nag, Gain, Awing, Waning, Dawning.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 6 + 3 + 7 = 20
Medium
3 – 4 + 7 + 1 = 7
Hard
8 / 8 x 6 x 7 = 42

LOOP



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Actor faces charges Actor Gary Busey, who is known for his work in 'A Star Is Born' and 'Predator 2', is facing four charges, including two counts of criminal sexual contact in the fourth degree

Who gave Alia a prep talk

Alia Bhatt, who played the role of a migrant Bihari girl in Abhishek Chaubey's 'Udta Punjab', recently opened up about how she bagged the movie and who helped her prep up for her role.

In an interview with a news portal, Alia revealed that the script of 'Udta Punjab' came to her when she was shooting for 'Shaandaar' with Shahid Kapoor. Alia was quite impressed with the role and expressed her desire to play the part. She met the director and convinced him that she would pull it off. The actress added that she wanted to play the role and show the world that she is a chameleon.

Alia also revealed in the interview that it was none other than Pankaj Tripathi who helped her to prepare for her character. Pankaj, along with Abhishek would sit and work on the dialogues with her every day. The actress stated that Pankaj taught her to sit and speak the way the natives do. He also made her do a lot of acting workshops, on how to loosen the body and more. **-ETimes**

Superstar like a boss

Vijay Deverakonda says he feels 'awkward and embarrassed' about being called a superstar

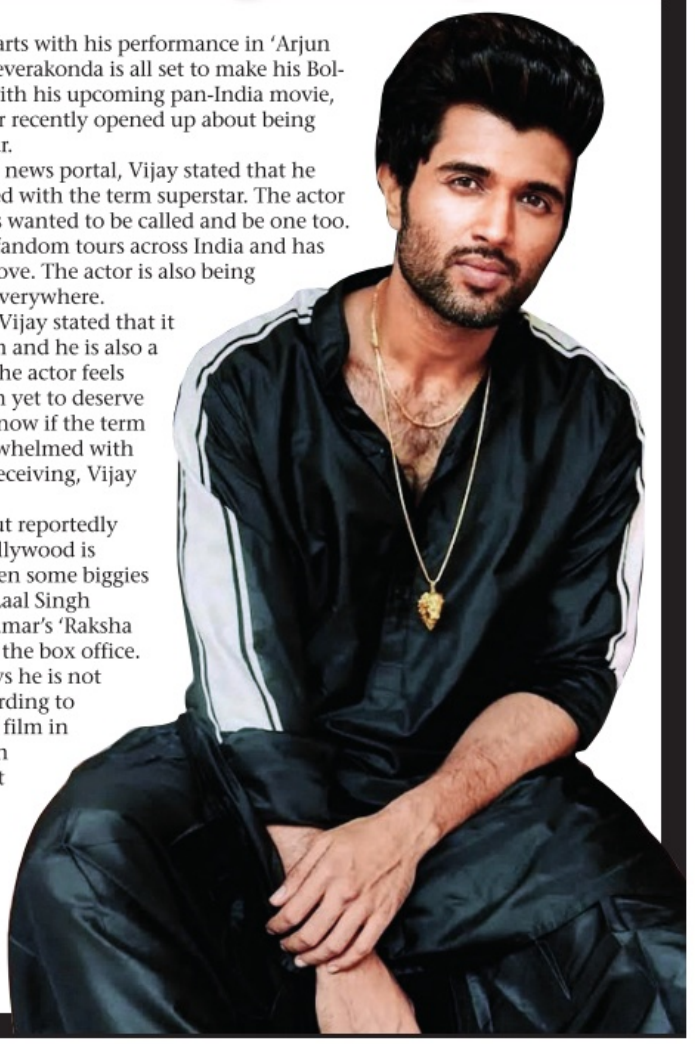
After winning hearts with his performance in 'Arjun Reddy', Vijay Deverakonda is all set to make his Bollywood debut with his upcoming pan-India movie, 'Liger'. The actor recently opened up about being called a superstar.

In an interview with a news portal, Vijay stated that he has always been fascinated with the term superstar. The actor also added that he always wanted to be called and be one too. He has been doing Liger fandom tours across India and has been receiving so much love. The actor is also being addressed as a superstar everywhere.

Reacting to the same, Vijay stated that it is a little awkward for him and he is also a little embarrassed by it. The actor feels that he hasn't done much yet to deserve it. Although he doesn't know if the term fits yet, he has been overwhelmed with all the love he has been receiving, Vijay told Galatta Plus.

The actor's Hindi debut reportedly comes at a time when Bollywood is struggling to get a hit. Even some biggies like Aamir Khan starrer 'Laal Singh Chaddha' and Akshay Kumar's 'Raksha Bandhan' has bombed at the box office.

However, the actor says he is not under any pressure. According to him, he has a really good film in hand. There is no point in complaining and you just have to push and see where the limit is. Vijay also added that from this release, he will take the learnings and accordingly take the steps ahead. **-ETimes**



SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

SIIMA to pay tributes to Appu

SIIMA's function is likely to be a star-studded show in Bengaluru

The South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) has decided to present a special award in the name of late Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar at a glittering function to be held at Palace Ground on September 10 and 11.

"I am happy to announce that 10th SIIMA function to be held in Bengaluru next month. There are two reasons to organise the 10th SIIMA function in Bengaluru. The first one is to pay tributes to late Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar.We are missing him. The other reason is that Kannada movies have earned name and fame across pan-India," said Brinda Prasad of SIIMA.

Daggupati Rana appreciated SIIMA for continuously organising award functions for the last 10 years. Dolly Dhananjay recalled his experience when he attended the SIIMA function in Malaysia. "The SIIMA provided me an opportunity to meet famous artistes from Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam film industries. For me SIIMA is not an award but a memory. I welcome all the dignitaries of SIIMA to Bengaluru," said Dolly.

Raghavendra as governor

Raghavendra Rajkumar is set to play a governor in Kannada movie Dhruva 369. The film's muhurat function was held at Sri Panchamukha Ganapathi Temple at Mahalakshmi Layout on Saturday morning. Veteran actor Ramesh Bhat sounded the clapboard while Manoj Kumar of Takkar fame switched on the camera.

Raghavendra Rajkumar conveyed his message through video conveying best wishes to the cast and crew of Dhruva 369 as he could not make it to the function as he was unwell.

According to director Shankarnag S S, the story of Dhruva 369 is a mix of science and culture and it would be a guide for students to know about Indian tradition and culture. "I got an inspiration from late President APJ Abdul Kalam who inspired and motivated many school children, especially those from economically poor families, to achieve their goals and dreams. I created a similar character for Raghavendra Rajkumar who is assigned to play a governor role. Generally, governors are known to confine themselves to Raj Bhavans or attending functions but I want to convey to society that governors too can play an important role in motivating and guiding students," said Shankarnag.

Ramesh Bhat, Prathibha, Atheesh S Shetty, Prem Kannada Raju, Aravind Sagar, Rohan Moodabidre, Deepak Shetty, K Subbanna Bhat, Chandana, Ramya, Chandrika, Bhaskar Manipal are acting in this movie. Its shooting is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Udupi, Murudeshwar, Kolar, and Chikkaballapur.

Shimmer and shine

10 glittery lehenga looks to steal from Mouni Roy

Kareena dons producer's hat

Unfazed by the box-office failure of Aamir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha', where she played his character's love interest, Kareena Kapoor has started work on her maiden production. She, however, has not revealed its name or other details.

The actress took to the story section of her Instagram and posted an image of a film's script with 'Shahid' helmer Hansal Mehta's name in the director's credit.

The actress smartly concealed the title of the project by keeping a pen over it, though one can see the words 'The' and 'Murder'.

A year ago, in August 2021, Kareena had announced on Instagram that she was getting into production in collaboration with Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms.

Kareena had posted a picture of herself with Ekta Kapoor and Hansal Mehta, announcing that she would be donning the producer's hat 'soon'.

In addition, Kareena also has Sujoy Ghosh's upcoming thriller and a film with her 'Veere Di Wedding' producer in the pipeline.

The Sujoy Ghosh directorial is based on the Japanese book, 'The Devotion of Suspect X', in which she will be sharing screen with 'Paatal Lok' actor Jaideep Ahlawat and Vijay Varma, who is fresh off the success of his streaming movie 'Darlings', in which he starred opposite Alia Bhatt and Shefali Shah. **-IANS**